

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 10/037,593 filed on October 19, 2001. Claims 1-3, 5-19 and 21-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-19 and 21-27 are rejected. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claims 1-3, 5-19, and 21-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lachman U.S. Patent Publication no. 20020166063, filed February 28, 2002 (hereinafter "Lachman II"). Lachman II claims priority to Lachman U.S. Provisional Patent Application serial no. 60/272712, filed March 1, 2001 (hereinafter "Lachman I"). The filing date of the instant application is October 19, 2001, which falls between the filing dates of Lachman I and II. Any new matter in Lachman II therefore cannot be used as prior art against the claims of the instant application.

Applicant has reviewed Lachman I and II and finds very little correlation between the disclosures. Specifically, Applicant cannot find passages in Lachman I that correspond to the portions of Lachman II cited in the Office Action. Applicant is unable to determine whether Lachman I is relevant to the patentability of the claims in the present application. Applicant therefore respectfully requests examination of the claims based on Lachman I instead of Lachman II, if Lachman I is determined to be relevant.

Dependent claims 54-59 have been added to capture subject matter that was previously included in at least some of claims 28-54, which have been canceled. Examination of claims 54-59 is respectfully requested.

In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 350-7301.

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